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### 1. KOREA

OPPOSITION TUESDAY URGED NATL ASSY INVESTIGATE WHETHER  
MARCH 1 STATEMENT READ CATHEDRAL CONSTITUTED ATTEMPT  
OVERTHROW GOVT (UPI, CHITRIB).

PM CHOT KYU HAH TOLD ASSY TUESDAY GOVT WILL PROSECUTE  
ALL WHO PARTICIPATE BANNED POLITICAL ACTIVITY;  
POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS LEADERS NOW UNDER ARREST WILL BE  
"DEALT WITH ACCORDING TO THE LA," BECAUSE ALLEGEDLY  
USED RELIGIOUS CEREMONY FOR ILLEGAL POLITICAL PURPOSE  
(NYT, SEOL).

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KOREA SHIPBUILDING AND ENGINEERING CO SAID TUESDAY  
NORWAY'S STOLT NIELSEN CONTRACTED CHARTER SIX 32,000-  
TON CHEMICAL TANKERS FOR 15 YEARS, STARTING 1978, AT  
ANNUAL RATE 30.3 MILLION DOLS (WSJ, SEO;L).

2. INDOCHINA/THAILAND

WSTAR (3/16) EXPECTED SECSTATE TO FACE SFRC QUESTIONING TUESDAY ON WHETHER US PREPARED ESTABLISH RELS WITH NVN. NVN ACCUSES RTG OF ALLO IHG US MAINTAIN MIL FORCES IN THAILAND AGAINST SOCIALIST, OTHER SEA COUNTRIES (REUTER HK).

SVN GOVT CALLS ON RCS TO COOPERATE WITH ADMIN TO MAKE ELECTIONS SUCCESS (RE'ETER SATYOH). HO REPORT SAYS SVN INFESTED ITH MALARTA, PLAGUE, LEPPFO"Y, TB, VD, DR'G ADDICTIOH. STUDIES OUTLIHE MEDICAL NEEDS NVN, SVN; WHO W PAC DIPECTOR AT MANILA INVITES REGIONAL MEMBER COUNTRTES AND US TO MAR 30-31 MEETING TO CONSIDER HELPING NVN, SVN (AP NYDN, PHINQ).

ABOUT 150 COMMUNIST GUERRILLAS ATTACKED ISOLATED OUTPOST 425 MTLES NORTH BANGKOK MONDAY, KTLLED, PURNED OFFICES, ESCAPED WITH ARMS, MED SUPPLIES, RADIOS (AP, NYDN).

3. CHINA

SPEAKING TO CHTCAGO COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS MARCH 12, PRES FORD SAID, ANSWERING QUESTIONS, THAT HE HOPES US CAM MAINTAIN "PROPER" RELATIONSHIP WITH TAIWAN WHILE MOVING TO ARD' NORMALIZATION' WITH PRC. DECLARED: "IT'S DTFFICULT TO 'RITE A PRESCRIPTION HERE IN CHICAGO, OUT I BELIEVE IT'S POSSTBLE' (CS-T'S KONDRACKE 3/13).

CS-T'S LOORY (3/13) REPOPTS FORD, TN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW ITH CS-T AND CDH EDITORIAL POARDS DURING ILLIHOIS CAMPAIGNING, CONFIRMED IHTENDS CONTTNUE REDUCINY US MIL FORCES ON TAIWAN. PRES NOTED THAT AT TTIME OF SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE SIGNING, US HAD 10,000 TROOPS ON ISLAND, NO PEDUCED 'ROUGHLY TO 3,000.' LOORY FINDS UNCLASSIFIED

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STATEMENT FIRST CONCRETE INDICATION SOMETHING ACCOMPLISHED DURING FORD PEKING VISIT TO MAINTATN IMPROVEMENT IN US-PRC RELATTONS.

4. INDONESIA

INTERVENTION PY SECSTATE C"TS RED TAPE, PERMITS 2-YR-OLD CHILD LEFT BANDUNG BY PARENTS FLY TO US HOME. SEPARATION DUE US IMMIGRATTON PFOOLEM (ANGLE, WSTAR 3/16).

5. SINGAPORE

JORDON'S HUSSEIN ARRIVES FROM TOKYO FOR 1-DAY PRIVATE

VISIT ON WAY HOME FROM FE TOUR (AFP, WP).

6. AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND

PRES FORD RECEIVED CREDENTIALS AMB PARKTNSON TUESDAY (AP, NYT).

NZ AGRIC MINISTER URGED SHUT OUT US TUNA FISHERS FROM EAST COAST NORTH ISLAND WHERE ORKTING PAST 2 YRS. US FIRM 'STAR KIST' PREPARED COOPERATE WITH LOCAL COMPANIES TO SUPPLY US MARKET; SOME IN NZ FISHINY INDUSTRY WANT DEVELOP TUNA FIELDS LOCALLY, UT MAY MEA' DEMANDS FOR GONZ FINANCIAL HELP TO GET PROJECT GOING (JOC).

7. MALAYSIA

GLOPE'S SNOW DESCRIBES ST PATRICK'S DAY CELEORATION AT KL, HELD LAST SAT DUE ADVENT MUSLIM HOLIDAY.

7. JAPAN

STR DEHT TUESDAY TOLD PRESS ADMIN REJECTED ITC RECOMMENDATION IMMEDIATELY TMPOSE QUOTAS ON SPECIALTY STEEL IMPORTS; INSTEAD, ILL SEEK OILATERAL AGREEMENTS LIMIT IMPORTS VOLUNTARILY; IF NEGOTIATIONS FAIL, PRES 'OULD IMPOSE THREE YEAR QUOTAS BY JUNE 14. EXPLAINED PRES DECIDED GRANT RELIEF TO INDUSTRY, WORKERS, UNCLASSIFIED

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BECAUSE AGREED TTH ITC FINDING INDUSTRY IHJURED BY IMPORTS (AP, PHINQ NYDN).

DENT SAID PRES INSTRUCTED STR NEGOTIATE 'ORDERLY MARKETING AGREEMENTS' ITH EXPORTERS, MAINLY JAPAN, S'EDEN, EC NATIONS ALONG LINES ITC RECOMMENDATION STAINLESS, SPECIALTY STEEL IMPORTS PE LIMTTED TO 146,000 TONS/YR. IMPORTS 1974 WERE 158,000 TONS (REUTER WASHINGTON).

SUN'S PINE SAYS FORD DECISTON GRANT RELIEF BOS TO ELECTION YEAR PRESSURES FROM INDUSTRY, LAPOR. SEEN DESIGNED HEAD OFF WH BATTLE WITH CONGRESS, WHICH HAS PO'ER OVERRIDE PRES' DECISION ON ITC RECOMMENDATION, IF CONSIDERS REMEDY INADEQUATE.

JOC'S LAWRENCE NOTES DENT SAID PRES REJECTED FIVE-YEAR QUOTAS RECOMMENDED BY ITC; BELIEVES THREE YEARS PROTECTION IMPORT PROTECTION, PY VOL'NTARY RESTRAINT OR QUOTAS, SHOULD "SUFFICE; PERMIT US INDUSTRY RECOVER 'HEALTHY EMPLOYMENT AND PROFIT POSITION.'" DENT SUGGESTED RESTRAINTS MIGHT OE REDUCED, OR REMOVED, IF

INDUSTRY RECOVERS DURING THREE-YEAR PERIOD.

DENT ALSO TOLD PRESS HOPES DECISION WILL NOT KICK OFF  
'TRADE WAR,' STRESSED DOES NOT REFLECT CHANGE IN  
BASIC US TRADE POLICY (WSJ, WASHINGTON).

CULLISOH (JOC) CITES MOF REPORT THAT SHOWS 630 MILLION  
DOL OOP SURPLUS FEBRUARY, LED BY RECORD 320 MILLION  
DOL SURPLUS LONG-TERM CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

EPA MONTHLY REPORT TO CABINET, TUESDAY, CITED SIGNS  
ECONOMY PULLING OUT OF LONGEST RECESSION, LED BY  
STEADILY RISING EXPORTS. CLAIMED HOUSING STARTS,  
INCREASING OVERTIME, OTHER INDICATORS SUBSTANTIATE  
RECOVERY TREND (JOC, TOKYO).

VM JUS SHIONO MET TWO HOURS WITH JUS DEPT OFFICIALS  
TUESDAY TO LEARN WHAT COULD ABOUT ALLEGED LOCKHEED  
BRIBERY, PAYOFFS OF JAPANESE OFFICIALS (REUTERS, NYT).  
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SEC CHAIRMAN HTLS EXPECTED MEET SHIONO WEDNESDAY,  
DISCUSS PROCEDURES FOR US PROVIDED GOJ SECRET DOCUMENTS  
ON LOCKHEED SCANDAL (WSTAR, 3/16).

GOJ DECIDED TUESDAY SUBMIT INTERIM BUDGET TO DIET,  
SINCE REGULAR BUDGET WILL NOT BE ENACTED BY BEGINNING  
OF JFY 76, APRIL 1. DIET BUDGET PROCEEDINGS  
STALLED BY OPPOSITION BOYCOTT, IN PROTEST US CONDITION  
GIVE GOJ LOCKHEED DATA ONLY IF KEPT CONFIDENTIAL UNTIL  
LEGAL PROCEEDINGS INSTITUTED (REUTERS TOKYO).

JORDAN'S KING HUSSEIN, QUEEN ALIA, ENDED WEEK-LONG  
STATE VISIT TUESDAY (AP, NYDN).

NATL RR WORKERS STAGED 24-HOUR STRIKE TUESDAY,  
DEMANDING THOROUGH INVESTIGATION LOCKHEED SCANDAL,  
BETTER CONDITIONS, PENSIONS, JOB STABILITY (AP, NYDN).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

#### 8. INDOCHINA

CSM'S GODSELL BELIEVES US, NVN HAVE TACITLY SUCCEEDED  
AVOIDING COMPLETE FREEZE IN RELS, AS HAPPENED WITH PRC.  
REVIEWS 'SMOKE SIGNALS' TO EACH OTHER -- US SIGNALS  
"NOT...EYECATCHING," MAINLY ADMIN DECISIONS THAT  
ANALYSTS ASSUME NOT LOST ON HANOI. SAYS LATITUDE  
US CAN GO BEYOND WIDENING HUMANITARIAN AID CLASSIFICATION  
LIMITED WITHOUT CONGRESSIONAL AUTHORITY. PREDICTS  
SIGNALS WILL GO ON UNLESS EITHER SIDE ACTS IN UNACCEPTABLY

HOSTILE MANNER: NVN SUPPORT FOR THAI INSURGENTS, US SUPPORT TO SVN DISSIDENTS. STATES NVN WANTS SUBSTANTIAL US AID. QUOTES ANALYSTS THAT NVN WON IN SVN 12.5 BILLION DOLS WORTH CAPITAL PLANT, 6 BILLION OF ARMS, PROVIDED BY US. REVIEWS SITUATION CONCERNING NVN INTEREST IN OIL EXPLOITATION.

9. LOS

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WP (3/16) VIEWS THIRD UN LOS CONFERENCE AS DIPLOMATIC VERSION OF "GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH," 6Y FAR MOST COMPREHENSIVE, LARGEST NEGOTIATING SESSION EVER, AND PERHAPS MOST IMPORTANT. INVOLVES FATE HALF WORLD'S POTENTIAL OIL RESERVES, THREE TRILLION DOLS WORTH HARD MINERALS, SIZEABLE CHUNCK MANKIND'S FOOD RESOURCES, STRATEGIC INTERESTS OF MIL POWERS, PROTECTION MOST VULNERABLE PART GLOBE'S ENVIRONMENT, AND FIRST MAJOR ATTEMPT ESTABLISH TRULY INTL SOVEREIGNTY OVER HUGE AREA WORLD'S SURFACE. IF TALKS FAIL, WORLD WILL SEE WHAT LORD RITCHIE CALDER CALLED 'BIGGEST SMASH-AND-GRAB" SINCE EUR POWERS CARVED UP AFRICA.

NYT'S HOFFMAN NOTES SYG WALDHEIM LARNED DELEGATE MAY NEVER AGAIN HAVE OPPORTUNITY, IF THESE TALKS FAIL, TO BRING USE OF SEA UNDER ORDERLY DEVELOPMENT FOR BENEFIT OF ALL. FINDS PRIME TOPIC IS EXTENSION OF ECONOMIC ZONE BY COASTAL STATES.

STEINHARDT (LAT 3/14) PERCEIVES STATESMEN AGAIN TRYING BUILD 'INVISIBLE FENCES IN THE WAVES' AT LOS, TO AVOID FUTURE DISPUTES LIKE UK-ICELAND COD WAR THAT ALMOST BLEW NATO APART. REVIEWS I;PLICIT NEED FOR NEW INTL REGIME OF SEA IN WORLD GROWN SMALL, WITH HUNGER AND TECHNOLOGY PROMPTING NATIONS STAKE CLAIMS TO BROAD AREAS OF SEA, AND ITS COVETED TREASURE -- FISH.

SHANNON (LAT 3/16) NOTES TENTATIVE AGREEMENT IN LOS PROVIDES COASTAL AND LANDLOCKED STATES SHARE HIGH SEAS' RESOURCES, OUTSIDE 200-MILE ECONOMIC ZONE. US, OTHER INDUSTRIALIZED STATES, ADVOCATE LICENSING PRIVATE ENTERPRISE DEVELOP DEEP-SEA RESOURCES, BUT THIRD WORLD GROUP OF 77 INSISTS INTL AGENCY HAVE EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION.

10. JAPAN

STEIGER (LAT 3/13), IN WASHINGTON, CITES ADMIN SOURCES WHO SAID FRIDAY FORD WILL ASK JAPAN, EC HATIONS CURTAIL SPECIALTY STEEL EXPORTS TO US; CONCEDE WILL

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CERTAINLY ADD INFLATION AT HOME, CREATE DIPLOMATIC HEADACHES; SAY PRES WOULD PREFER REJECT ITC RECOMMENDATION, EXCEPT FOR POLITICAL CLOUD OF INDUSTRY, LABOR, AND CONCERN WITH POSSIBLE BACKLASH IN ELECTION YEAR. NOTES PRES HAS 90 DAYS NEGOTIATE RESTRAINTS, AFTER RESPONDING ITC TUESDAY; IF FAILS, RECOMMENDATION AUTOMATICALLY GOES INTO EFFECT. SHOULD REJECT, RECOMMENDATION COULD BE ADOPTED BY MAJORITY VOTE BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS. NOTES STEELMAKERS HAD TO GO BACK TO 1964 TO SHOW INCREASE IN IMPORT SHARE OF MARKET, BUT US INDUSTRY/LABOR FRANKLY STATE WANT CONTINUING PROTECTION, NOT TEMPORARY RELIEF UNDER 1974 TRADE ACT, BECAUSE OF STRONG BELIEF SUBSIDIES GIVE FOREIGN STEELMAKERS UNFAIR ADVANTAGE.

CSM URGES US "ACT WITH THE GREATEST DISPATCH" TO WORK OUT ARRANGEMENTS PROVIDE JAPAN WITH NECESSARY NAMES, OTHER DATA, TO DISPEL 'UNWARRENTED' GENERAL SUSPICION. IN ABSENCE INFO, JAPAN HAS BEEN IN UPROAR, AND MANY QUESTION WHETHER US COOPERATION WITH GOJ TO HOLD BACK FACTS. DECLARES SCANDAL HAS CAUSED ENOUGH TROUBLE IN JAPAN, WITHOUT COMPOUNDING BY UNCERTAINTY OVER FACTS, AND JAPANESE SHOULD NOT HAVE US CONDITIONS "IMPOSED" ON THEM FOR USE OF INFO ABOUT OWN NATIONALS.

CDN'S BEECH(BALTO N-A 3/14), IN TOKYO, BELIEVES FACT LOCKHEED SCANDAL EXPOSED IN CONGRESS, NOT DIET, THROWS 'HARSH LIGHT' ON GLARING WEAKNESS OF JAPANESE DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS. WEALTHY POLITICIANS SUSPECTING OF TAKING BRIBES HAVE BEEN IN BEST POSITION TO BLOCK INVESTIGATION. AND PRESS, ONE OF POST WAR DEMOCRACY PILLARS, FOR ALL ITS EXCELLENCE IN OTHER FIELDS, IS WEAK IN INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING. NOTHING EVER DONE ABOUT "WISPS OF SCANDAL" THAT HUNG OVER GOJ DECISION BUY F-104 IN 1959, AND NO ONE EVER FOLLOWED-UP REPORTS BY TWO SMALL-TOWN PAPERS THAT TANAKA WAS AMONG POLITICIANS TAKING BRIBES FROM LOCKHEED, EVEN BEFORE BECAME PM.

11. CHINA

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WP'S GREENWAY, INHK, FINDS CURRENT PRC POLITICAL DEBATE DIFFERS FROM OTHER CAMPAIGNS OF RECENT YEARS IN TOTAL LACK OF AMBIGUITY AS TO TARGETS, ISSUES; TODAY'S ISSUES ARE SHARP, RELEVANT -- WHILE LISTENING TO CHINESE DEBATES, SAYS ONE CAN HEAR ECHOES OF US

ARGUMENTS OVER CAMPUS UNREST IN 60'S AND DECLINING  
EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS. CONTENDS REASON FOR EARLY

AMBIGUITY OF PRC DEBATE WAS PROBABLY THAT CHOU  
EN-LAI ENJOYED SO MUCH PRESTIGE THAT DIFFICULT OR  
IMPOSSIBLE FOR LEADERS WHO DISAGREED WITH HIM TO  
ATTACK HIM OR POLICIES DIRECTLY. OUT TENG HSIAO-PING  
ALWAYS MORE VULNERABLE, AND IS TARGET BEYOND DOUBT.  
STRESSES THAT PROPORTION OF POWER BETWEEN CHINESE  
LEFT, RIGHT, NOT ADEQUATELY REFLECTED IN LEFTISTS'  
ACCESS TO PRESS; IN ANY CASE, LEFT HAS CONVENIENTLY  
PUBLICIZED RIGHTIST ARGUMENTS, WHICH THEY MUST OUTLINE  
IN ORDER CRITICIZE THEM. OBSERVES THAT FOR ALL  
IDEALISTIC TONE OF GREAT CHINESE DEBATE, THERE IS  
OCCASIONAL HINT OF BITCHINESS TO BE HEARD IN CAMPAIGN  
AGAINST TENG -- NOT UNLIKE GORE VIDAL-WM BUCKLEY  
PUBLIC FEUDING. SAYS PRC CAMPAIGN NOT SIMPLY MATTER  
OF INSCRUTABLE CHINESE POLITICS WHICH NO WESTERNER  
CAN EVER HOPE UNDERSTAND; ISSUES CONFRONTING PEKING  
ARE, IN SOME RESPECTS, THOSE THAT FACE ALL COUNTRIES:  
'OPEN-DOOR COLLEGES' AND EDUCATION TO SERVE 'PROLETARIAN  
POLITICS' RESEMBLE US EDUCATIONAL REFORMS DURING 60'S  
THAT TRIED MAKE CURRICULUM MORE 'RESPONSIVE' AND  
BROADEN EDUCATION BASE. SAYS ANY US EDUCATION MAG  
WILL CONTAIN ARTICLE SAYING 60'S REFORMS ARE PRODUCING  
GENERATION OF ILLITERATES, AND WE SHOULD GO BACK  
TO SOME OF OLD STANDARDS -- AND THIS PRECISELY WHAT  
PRC RIGHTISTS HAVE SAID. SIMILARLY, TALK IN 60'S ABOUT  
'GREENING OF AMERICA' AND GOAL OF PRODUCTION FOR  
PRODUCTION'S SAKE NOT SERVING ULTIMATE NEEDS OF PEOPLE  
IS VARIANT OF MAJOR THEME OF CHINESE LEFT. PREDICTS  
GREAT PRC DEBATE WILL NOT SOON END, AND SHOULD IT  
DIE DOWN TEMPORARILY, WILL ASSURDLY BREAK OUT AGAIN  
IN FUTURE, BECAUSE ISSUES INVOLVED ARE SO FUNDAMENTAL  
TO ENTIRE CONCEPT OF CHINESE EXPERIMENT IN GOVT.

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IN LAST ARTICLE ON PRC BEFORE TAKING YEAR'S SABBATICAL,  
LAT'S ELEGANT (3/14) HAS "UNCANNY FEELING" THIS IS  
ABOUT WHERE HE ENTERED "PEKING'S REVOLVING DOOR"  
MORE THAN 27 YEARS AGO. RECALLS WHEN HIS FIRST  
ARTICLE PUBLISHED 1949, COUNTRY WAS IN STATE OF  
DISORDER, BUT MAO BESTRODE CHAOS PROMISING BRING  
ORDER; TODAY, COUNTRY ONCE MORE IN ACUTE DISORDER,  
WITH SAME TOWERING FIGURE APPEARING DOMINATE  
KALEIDOSCOPIC POLITICAL CHANGES, PROMISING BRING ORDER--  
BY STILL ANOTHER ROUND POTENTIALLY VIOLENT DISORDER.  
FEELS MOST LIKELY EVENTUALITY IS ANOTHER PROTRACTED  
PUBLIC STRUGGLE, UNLESS PLA IMPOSES ORDER. SAYS TRAGIC  
TO REFLECT THAT CHOU EN-LAI PROBABLY KNEW BEFORE DEATH  
THAT HE HAD FAILED IN EFFORT ENSURE ORDERLY TRANSITION

POWER, CONTINUATION HIS POLICIES.

ELEGANT FEELS PRC HAS MOVED FORWARD, DESPITE UNREMITTING STRUGGLES COMMANDED BY MAO: PEKING IS IMPORTANT FORCE IN WORLD AFFAIRS, EVEN IF INFLUENCE GENERALLY OVERESTIMATED; ITS INDUSTRY HAS EXPANDED SIGNIFICANTLY, EVEN IF DISRUPTED BY DISPUTES; AND AVERAGE FARMER BETTER OFF THAN BEFORE 1949. INTELLECTUAL, CULTURAL PRICE OF COMMUNISTS' LIMITED SUCCESS HAS BEEN EXORBITANT: CHINESE LITERATURE, GRAPHIC ARTS, MORIBUND, WHILE STAGE DOMINATED BY SIMPLISTIC MORALITY PLAYS; ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH HAS PROGRESSED GREATLY, BUT EDUCATION, OPENLY-RANGING THOUGHT OF ANY KIND, IS IN SHACKLES. ELEGANT CONTENDS ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS CANNOT BE LAID ON COMMUNISTS' SHOULDERS; IN SHORT, PRESENT SITUATION IS CHARACTERISTICALLY CHINESE PREDICAMENT -- GIFTED, INGENIOUS, INDUSTRIOUS CHINESE HAVE FOR MILLENNIA BEEN MARRED BY INABILITY RULE THEMSELVES EFFECTIVELY AND INCAPABILITY GET ALONG WITH OUTSIDERS. "I STILL CANNOT UNDERSTAND HOW SO MANY VISITORS HAVE EMERGED" FROM PRC PAINTING PICTURE OF "NEARLY UTOPIAN NATION THAT SIMPLY DOES NOT EXIST, MAKING CLAIMS ... (EVEN) COMMUNISTS LACK EFFRONTERY TO ADVANCE." ELEGANT SAYS WHILE ENCOURAGING THAT RECENT ARRIVALS FROM SHANGHAI SEE NO RE-EMERGENCE OF GUARDS, ONE LONG-TIME SHANGHAI RESIDENT EXPLAINS THIS IS BECAUSE CHILDREN OF WORKING CLASS ALREADY ARE ENGAGED

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IN WIDESPREAD PETTY CRIME, MINOR VIOLENCE, FOR PERSONAL SATISFACTION; AND BEST, MOST IDEALISTIC AMONG PRC YOUTH ARE RADICALLY DISILLUSIONED AFTER GPCR EXCESSES. DECLARES REGARDLESS OF WHICH GROUP TRIUMPHS, UNLIKELY PRC FOREIGN POLICY WILL ALTER RADICALLY -- IMMEDIATELY. BUT COUNTRY INHERENTLY UNSTABLE AS PRC IS NOT MOST RELIABLE PARTNER IN QUASI-ALLIANCE SUCH AS BINDS IT TO US. SOLE CERTAINTY IS THAT REVOLVING DOOR WILL CONTINUE OSCILLATE WILDLY, AND SOMEHOW PRC WILL ENDURE.

RUSHER (PHINQ), IN WAKE OF NIXON PEKING VISIT, SEES NO REASON CHANGE HIS ORIGINAL CONCLUSIONS AT TIME TRIP ANNOUNCED THAT IT WAS MADE AT FORD'S EXPLICIT BEHEST IN EFFORT OBTAIN ACCURATE ASSESSMENT POST-COU POLITICAL SCENE, AND WAS DELIBERATELY TIMED TO HELP PRES IN NH PRIMARILY BY STROKING SILENT BLOC PRO-NIXON REPUBLICANS THERE WHO REMAIN GRATEFUL FOR FORD PARDONING NIXON.

ADD THAILAND

RTG DEP PM SAYS 28 BATTALIONS PL, 17 BATTALIONS NVIETS HAVE MOVED NEAR THAI BORDER; SEEKS EXTENSION MARTIAL LAW IN PROVINCES ORDERING LAOS, CAMBODIA (REUTERS BANGKOK). KISSINGER



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